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## Summary

### Main Features

#### NOTES

#### THIS ISSUE

This issue contains the first release of grape crush and beverage wine production data for 2007-08. A more detailed analysis of wine industry production, sales and stocks will be contained in **Australian Wine and Grape Industry** (ABS cat. no. 1329.0) which will be released in late November 2008.

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#### ROUNDING

Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

#### INQUIRIES

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#### SUMMARY COMMENTARY

#### INTRODUCTION

There were 1,830,673 tonnes of grapes crushed in 2007-08, an increase of 433,323 tonnes (31.0%) on the previous year. Beverage wine production also showed an increase, rising 26.7% to 1,240.0 million litres.

#### WINEMAKING LOCATIONS AND GRAPES CRUSHED

For the 2008 vintage there were 382 wineries around Australia which crushed 50 tonnes or

more of grapes owned by 340 winemaking businesses. There were 1,830,673 tonnes of grapes crushed in 2007-08, an increase of 433,323 tonnes (31.0%) from last year.

South Australia had 31.4% of all the grape crushing facilities in Australia. These wineries in South Australia accounted for 45.3% of the national wine grape crush. New South Wales/ Australian Capital Territory (NSW/ACT) had 23.0% of the total number of wineries with 34.4% of the total wine crush, followed by Victoria (22.5% of all wineries and 16.3% of all grapes crushed) and Western Australia (18.3% of wineries and 3.4% of the grape crush).

The 340 winemaking businesses, in terms of crush capacity, are diverse in size. There were 173 businesses that each crushed from 50 to 400 tonnes of grapes, producing a combined crush of 33,048 tonnes. Of these smaller businesses, the 36 smallest winemakers accounted for only 0.1% of all grapes crushed and averaged 73 tonnes each. The 167 winemaking businesses that each crushed more than 400 tonnes of grapes crushed a total of 1,797,625 tonnes (98.2% of the national total) of grapes. There were 14 winemakers that crushed more than 20,000 tonnes each, accounting for a total of 1,290,478 tonnes of grapes or 70.5% of the total crush.

#### SIZE OF GRAPE CRUSH AND NUMBER OF WINERIES - 2007-08

	NSW/ACT	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	Aust.
Grapes crushed (000 t)	630.7	299.0	2.2	828.6	62.4	7.8	1 830.7
Proportion (%)	34.4	16.3	0.1	45.3	3.4	0.4	100.0
Wineries crushing							
50-400 t (no.)	50	44	7	33	40	4	178
More than 400 t (no.)	38	42	1	87	30	6	204
Total wineries (no.)	88	86	8	120	70	10	382
Proportion of total wineries (%)	23.0	22.5	2.1	31.4	18.3	2.6	100.0

Source: Wine Statistics Survey, 2007-08; Wine and Spirit Production Survey, 2007-08.

#### BEVERAGE WINE PRODUCTION

There were an estimated 1,240,038 million litres of beverage wine produced by winemakers that crushed more than 50 tonnes of grapes. Approximately 20 million litres were indirectly estimated for winemakers crushing between 50 and 400 tonnes. This beverage wine production figure was 261.6 million litres (26.7%) more than the total for 2006-07.

Red/rosé table wine made up 672.5 million litres (54.2%) of the estimated beverage wine produced in 2007-08. This was an increase of 200.2 million litres (42.4%) on the red/rosé table wine produced in the previous year. White table wine accounted for 552.5 million litres, a rise of 77.8 million litres (16.4%) on 2006-07.

#### WINEMAKERS, Size of production - 2007-08

Size (tonnes crushed)	Winemakers no.	Grapes crushed			Table wine		Total beverage wine '000 L
		Red t	White t	Total t	Red/rosé '000 L	White '000 L	
50-99	36	1 459	1 169	2 628	na	na	na
100-149	34	2 396	1 777	4 173	na	na	na
150-199	28	2 762	2 100	4 862	na	na	na
200-400	75	13 177	8 208	21 385	na	na	na

401-1,000	58	23 395	15 362	38 756	13 541	8 834	22 584
1,001-3,000	50	42 481	40 651	83 132	26 147	26 191	52 551
3,001-5,000	13	26 277	25 551	51 828	17 060	13 741	31 950
5,001-10,000	18	71 772	54 705	126 477	56 501	36 722	93 830
10,001-20,000	14	107 580	99 374	206 954	76 086	50 301	127 010
20,001 or more	14	666 804	623 674	1 290 478	470 981	408 755	891 740
<b>Total</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>958 103</b>	<b>872 570</b>	<b>1 830 673</b>	<b>(a)672 506</b>	<b>(b)552 468</b>	<b>(c)1 240 038</b>

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(a) Total red/rosé table wine includes production from those winemakers crushing between 50 and 400 tonnes. This is estimated to be 12.2 million litres.

(b) Total white table wine includes production from those winemakers crushing between 50 and 400 tonnes. This is estimated to be 7.9 million litres.

(c) Total beverage wine includes production from those winemakers crushing between 50 and 400 tonnes. This is estimated to be 20.4 million litres. This beverage wine production also includes the production of fortified wine.

Source: Wine Statistics Survey, 2007-08; Wine and Spirit Production Survey, 2007-08.

## About this Release

An early release of Australia's grapes crushed and production of wine by size of winemaker.

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# Explanatory Notes

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#### INTRODUCTION

**1** This publication presents selected estimates from the ABS collections: **Wine and Spirit Production, 2007-08** and **Wine Statistics, 2007-08**. More information compiled from these collections will be available in **Australian Wine and Grape Industry** (ABS cat. no. 1329.0), due to be released in late November 2008.

#### SCOPE AND COVERAGE OF WINE SURVEYS

**2** Through the **Wine and Spirit Production Survey** and the **Wine Statistics Survey** the ABS collects grape crush information from nearly 400 wineries which crushed 50 tonnes of grapes or more in the 2007-08 financial year. Wineries crushing less than this amount are not included in estimates but are expected to contribute less than 1.5% to the total crush.

**3** Winemakers who crush more than 400 tonnes of grapes are included in the **Wine and Spirit Production Survey**. Wine production data are collected from these winemakers on a winery (location) basis to allow for state and regional data output. The grapes crushed by these wineries includes grapes owned by others and crushed on a commission or contract

basis, often for wine producers who do not have their own crushing facilities. These wineries account for approximately 98% of total crushings by all winemakers crushing 50 or more tonnes of fresh grapes.

4 Limited information on the quantity of grapes crushed and domestic wine sales are also obtained from wineries crushing between 50 and 400 tonnes. These data are collected on a winery (location) basis in the **Wine Statistics Survey**. The main purpose for this supplementary collection is to establish the scope and coverage of both the main production collection and the monthly wine sales collection. Wine production figures for these wineries are estimated from their crush data.

## Glossary

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#### Beverage wine

Table, sparkling and fortified wine produced for direct consumption and not for distillation.

#### Table wine

A product of the complete or partial fermentation of fresh grapes or products derived solely from grapes.

## Abbreviations

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The following symbols and abbreviations are used in this publication:

'000	thousand
t	tonne